

1 **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

2 1. A retractable extension cord housing having a low-profile plug holder
3 to retractably hold an extension cord that has a proximal end retracted into the
4 extension cord housing, a distal end and a low-profile plug connected to the
5 distal end of the extension cord and having two conducting prongs separated by a
6 distance and a grounding prong with an outside diameter, and the extension cord
7 housing comprising:

8 a hollow body having a top, a bottom, an external surface and an outer
9 edge; and

10 a low-profile plug holder having a plug recess defined in the bottom
11 external surface of the hollow body and the plug recess having

12 a tapered top opening;

13 a bottom;

14 a rectangular hole formed in the bottom of the plug recess and
15 having a length that is slightly shorter than the distance between the two
16 conducting prongs on the low-profile plug;

17 a circular hole formed in the bottom of the plug recess and
18 having an inside diameter that is larger than the outside diameter of the
19 grounding prong; and

20 a cord groove formed in the bottom external surface of the
21 hollow body between the plug recess and the outer edge of the hollow body.

22 2. The retractable extension cord housing as claimed in claim 1, wherein
23 the hollow body comprises two half shells connected to each other, and the plug
24 holder is formed in one of the half shells.

1 3. The retractable extension cord housing as claimed in claim 2, wherein
2 a handle is formed on the outer edge of the hollow body.

3 4. The retractable extension cord housing as claimed in claim 3, wherein
4 the plug holder further has a retaining tab formed on the outer edge of the hollow
5 body of the housing near the cord groove to hold the extension cord in the cord
6 groove.